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SUBJ: SRI LANKA ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULES

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1. WE CONVEYED ORALLY, ACCOMPANIED BY WRITTEN SUMMARY, USG POSITION ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE TO MELVILLE FERNANDO, DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA). HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ISSUE. HE HAS RESPONDED THAT GSL AGREES THAT THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF PROCEDURAL RULES SHOULD NOT IMPEDE WFC BUSINESS AND THAT CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. ALTHOUGH FERNANDO COULD NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY THAT GSL WILL JOIN USG IN SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF DRAFT RULE OF PROCEDURE AND RESOLUTION WITHOUT AMENDMENT, HE DID SAY THAT GSL WILL GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS ON MATTER AMONG NATIONS AT PREPARATORY MEETING AND AT JUNE SESSIONS.

2. GSL CHIEF DELEGATE TO WFC PREPARATORY MEETING WILL BE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY SECRETARY A.T.M. SILVA. HE HAS LEFT
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COLOMBO FOR ROME: MDFA WILL SEND HIM LETTER SUMMARIZING

OUR POSITION AND GIVING GSL RESPONSE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3. FERNANDO DID MENTION ONE DIFFERENCE IN GSL UNDERSTANDING OF DRAFT PROCEDURAL RULES. WHEREAS PAR (4), REFTEL, SAYS THAT "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" WILL BE APPOINTED FOR FOUR YEARS BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL SUBJECT TO FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL CONSULATION AND UNGA APPROVAL, FERNANDO SAID HE UNDERSTANDS "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" WILL BE ELECTED BY WFC MEMBER STATES. GSL HAS RECEIVED NOTES FROM SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING GSL SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION. HE SAID PAKISTAN AND PHILIPPINES HAVE PROPOSED INDIVIDUALS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. WE SAID WE COULD NOT CLARIFY THIS ANOMALY SINCE OUR ONLY INFORMATION WAS DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE GIVEN IN REFTEL.
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